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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to identify the BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION, as required by the Examiner, as well as to correct a typographical error of which the undersigned has become aware.

Clearly, no new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered and that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 have been canceled, and new claims 21-34 have been added.

New claims 21-32 are directed to an electronic book apparatus which displays images of characters (or a narrator) in book text, along with images of readers corresponding to voices in which the parts of the book corresponding to the respective characters (or narrator) are read. In particular, according to new independent claims 21 and 25, the images of the characters and readers may be used by a user to select a reader to reach the

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part of each character. In addition, according to new independent claim 29, the electronic book apparatus determines the type of the electronic book to be read and displays the images of the character(s), narrator(s) and reader(s) based on the type of the book.

Still further, new claims 33 and 34 are directed to an electronic book apparatus which causes first and second predetermined parts of book text (and an image of a character) to be sequentially retrieved from a storage device, displayed, and read in a stored voice.

The operation of the electronic book apparatuses recited in claims 21-34 is shown, for example, in Figs. 8-13, and described in the specification at, for example, pages 25-40.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that new claims 21-34 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the new claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 USC 112, and it is respectfully requested that the rejection thereunder be withdrawn.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in new independent claims 21, 25, 29 and 33, and claims 22-24, 26-28, 30-32 and 34 respectively depending therefrom clearly patentably distinguishes over USP 6,683,611 ("Cleveland").

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Cleveland discloses a method for producing a book in a "role-play" reading format in which indicia are used to distinguish characters so that a plurality of readers can easily read a story in the "role-play" format. The reading material produced according to Cleveland is customizable based on information about the readers that may be input via the input devices shown in Fig. 2 of Cleveland. And customized reading material produced on an information processor may be printed using the arrangement shown in Fig. 13 of Cleveland.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Cleveland merely discloses producing (printed) reading material in a "role-play" format customized for a particular group of readers.

And it is respectfully submitted that Cleveland clearly does not at all disclose, teach or suggest the features of the book apparatus recited in new independent claims 21, 25, 29 and 33.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new independent claims 21, 25, 29 and 33 and new claims 22-24, 26-28, 30-32 and 34 respectively depending therefrom all clearly patentably distinguishes over Cleveland, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

RE: IDS FILED ON OCTOBER 27, 2004

The Examiner has not yet acted on the IDS filed on October 27, 2004. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that

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the Examiner consider the publications listed in the IDS filed on October 27, 2004, and make them of record. And it is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A submitted with the IDS filed on October 27, 2004 be returned to indicate that the publications listed thereon have been considered and made of record.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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